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Dr. Jane Henney, Commissioner
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Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Dr. Henney:

I am writing to you in connection with the following. As a university professor, chemist and research scientist, I am very concerned about the various uses of antibiotics which are nonessential, such as their use in animal feed and indiscriminate use of antibiotics in human medicine (e.g., prescriptions for viral infections where antibiotics have no effect and their use even when they are not medically necessary).

As the result of their misuse and overuse, more and more pathogenic bacteria become resistant to treatment by antibiotics. This poses a very serious threat to human health.

I strongly urge the FDA to ban human antibiotics in animal feeds where the only purpose of using them is a financial gain (increased meat production), without any therapeutic use. I know that you cannot do anything about needless prescriptions in human medicine.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated help.

Sincerely yours,

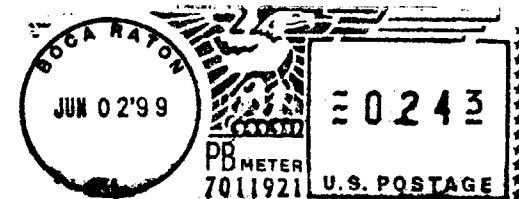
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